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HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SCHEME FOR DIVORCEE WIDOW WOMEN .
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are contemplating to launch any scheme for the divorcee and widow women;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the funds proposed to be allocated for implementation of said scheme; and

(d) the benefits which the divorcee and widow women are likely to get under the scheme?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN)

(a)&(b) No, Sir. However, a scheme named 'Swadhar' has been launched for women in difficult circumstances, which include widows abandoned in religious places. The Scheme provides for a package of measures, such as food, shelter, care, counselling and training for the rehabilitation of the widows.

(c)&(d) An amount of Rs. 6.00 crore has been allocated for the implementation of the scheme during the current year. Two projects for widows in Vrindaban have been approved, which will benefit 1200 widows.